

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Chad Kreager, Mike Ross, Henry Schonebaum, Elsie Slinger and Troy Temple. MEMBERS ABSENT: Sally Kramer and Bruce Krinke. STAFF PRESENT: Director Paul Peanasky and Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant. GUEST: Sue Garwood, Rice County Historical Society, via Zoom.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Mike at 6:04 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Chad, seconded by Lola to approve minutes of August 26, 2020, as corrected.
- 3) Director's Report:
 - a) Community Center: Paul reported that two rooftop HVAC units on the Community Center are currently being replaced.
 - b) North Alexander Park Shelter #4: The new shelter #4 at North Alexander Park is almost finished.
 - c) Windsor Park Playground: The new playground for Windsor Park should be delivered next week. The new playground will be installed and then the old playground will be removed.
 - d) Open Skate: Parks and Recreation will be offering open skate hours at the Faribault Ice Arena. Due to COVID-19, only 50 people will be allowed to attend during each timeframe. Saturday will run as normal and Sunday will be divided into two time blocks due to the number of people who normally attend on Sundays. All will be required to register so attendance can be controlled. If there are open spots, walk-ins will be allowed until the maximum attendance is met.
- 4) Requests to be Heard: None.
- 5) Old Business:
 - a) Inclusive Playground: Inclusive Playground Committee plans to meet Thursday, September 24.
 - b) Mill Towns Trail/Northern Links Trail Update: Nothing new to report.
 - c) Old Public Works Park Name: Elsie handed out some information about Grace McKinstry and Tom Lieb as suggestions for the new park name. Sue Garwood also suggested Pelagie Alexander. She is Alexander Faribault's mother and is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Faribault. All reviewed the entire list of suggestions again. Lola stated a few residents asked that it not be named after a person and most liked Fleckenstein or River Rail Park. Sue stated it would be nice to have a local woman's name on a park in Faribault because there hasn't been much recognition of the women of Faribault. Sue reviewed the history of Cornelia Whipple, Grace McKinstry, Mary Elizabeth Graham, Verna Ochs, Frances Loyhead, Helen Bratte, and Sarah Darlington. Paul stated we currently have a Whipple Park. Sue stated Grace McKinstry is a great story and Elsie also recommended naming the park after Grace. Sue stated RCHS has

- photos of all of these women. Grace McKinstry Landing or Conservatory were suggested by Elsie and she suggested Tom Lieb could be recognized when naming the park by the viaduct. The history of Tom Lieb was reviewed and his significance was likely overshadowed by Bruce Smith. Troy asked for Sue's suggestion and she suggested either Grace McKinstry or Helen Bratten. Board discussed a portrait area for pictures and a theme incorporating Grace McKinstry's artistry. Elsie also suggested Pioneer Bluff. Board reviewed names of other parks in the City. Paul stated the Board will provide a recommendation to City Council and they will determine the final name. Board agreed their preference, if named after a person, would be Grace McKinstry. Or, if using a general name, they prefer Fleckenstein Bluff. Motion made by Mike, seconded by Chad to recommend McKinstry Park as first choice and Fleckenstein Bluff as second choice for the name of the new park at the site of the old public works building. Motion passed.
- d) Discussion of FMS Ball Fields as Replacements for Teepee Tonka Park Ball Fields: Paul stated school district personnel have been busy with the start of school but he will continue working with staff regarding sharing use of the ball fields at the Faribault Middle School.
- 6) New Business:
- a) Facility Naming Policy: After doing some research, Paul determined there is not a Naming Policy for the City of Faribault. Paul has been directed by Tim Murray, City Administrator, to develop a Naming Policy for the City.
- 7) Other:
- a) Meeting with Owatonna Parks & Recreation Board: Elsie asked about the status of meeting with the Owatonna Parks & Recreation Board. Paul reported they currently do not have a director and their Planning Director is overseeing the Parks & Recreation Department. Paul will check with the board to see if they are interested in meeting.
- b) BMX Season: Elsie asked for an update on the BMX season. Paul stated they held a couple local BMX meets but were not able to hold any large meets due to COVID.
- c) Meeting Locations: Lola asked if the Board could hold future meetings at a park or other city facility. Paul stated City Council has met prior to meetings to tour different locations and suggested the Parks & Recreation Board do that as well. Or meetings can be held at various locations provided that the location is posted for the public. Board discussed both options and would like to incorporate them into future meetings.
- 8) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at Buckham West. Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. at Teepee Tonka Park to tour the tunnel and also look at the trail crossing the railroad.
- 9) Motion was made by Elsie, seconded by Mike to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant